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SATURDAY EVENING, DEC. 24.

### FOR THE CHILDREN.

The Night Before Christmas.  
'Twas the night before Christmas when all  
through the house,  
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;  
The stockings were hung by the chimney with  
care.

In hope that St. N. chokes would soon be there,

The children were nestled all snug in their beds;

While visions of sugar plums danced through

their heads.

And mamma in her kerchief and I in my cap,

Had just settled our brains for a long winter's

nap—

When up on the lawn there arose such a clatter,

I sprang from my bed to see what was the

matter;

Away to the window I flew like a flash,

Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash,

The moon on the breast of the new fallen snow,

Gave the light of midday to objects below;

When, what to my wandering eyes should appear!

But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer;

With a little old driver so lively and quick

I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.

More rapid than eagles his coursers they came

And he whistled and shouted and called them

by name—

Now Fischer! now Dancer! now Prancer! now Vixen!

On Come! on Cupid! on Donder! on Blixem!

To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!

Now dash away, dash away, dash away all!

As they reined in with an obstacle, mount to

the sky;

Sop in the house top the coursers they flew,

With a slight roll of toys and St. Nicolas too;

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof,

The prance and pawing of each little hoof,

Sprawled in my bed and was turning around,

Down the chimney St. Nicolas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,

And his clothes were all tattered with ash and soot;

A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,

And he looked like a padder just opening his pack;

His eyes how they twinkled, his dimples, how merry;

His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry;

His drill little mouth was drawn up like a bow,

And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow;

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,

And the smoke, it encircled his head like a wreath;

He had a broad face, and a little round belly,

Which shook when he laughed like a bowl full of jelly;

He wasubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,

And I surped when I saw him, in spite of myself,

A wick of his eye and a twist of his head,

Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work;

And filled all the stockings—then turned with a jerk;

And taking his finger aside of his nose,

And giving a nod up the chimney he rose,

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whoop;

And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.

But I heard him exclaim ere he drove out of sight,

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